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Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve News Release

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WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION TO MEET IN NORTHWAY AND TANACROSS

Copper Center, AK – The Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) will meet in Northway on October 6 and in Tanacross on October 7 to consider a range of issues related to subsistence hunting and fishing in the park.


Commission business will include a review of the 2012-14 federal subsistence wildlife proposals that would affect Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve as well as an update on the Nabesna Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. The wildlife proposals to be discussed include proposals to establish seasons and harvest limits for the Mentasta and Chisana caribou herds; to modify the season dates, permit requirements, and harvest limits for moose in portions of Units 11 and 12; to modify the customary and traditional use determination for goat in Unit 11; and to revise requirements regarding the sale of handicrafts incorporating brown bear claws. The meeting is open to the public, and public testimony opportunities are provided. Written comments may also be submitted through the park subsistence coordinator by September 30 for presentation at the meeting.

The meeting will begin in Northway at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 6, and will recess for the day at 5 PM. There may be an evening session at the call of the chair. On Friday, the meeting will reconvene in Tanacross at 9 AM and adjourn when business is completed.

A draft agenda for the meeting is available on the park web site (www.nps.gov/wrst). Additional information may be obtained by calling Barbara Cellarius, subsistence coordinator for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, at 822-7236.

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(Note to editors and station managers: Please include this meeting in your community calendar sections. Radio stations, please announce periodically through the morning of Thursday, October 6.)